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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

ITEM 1460 - AIRCRAFT

28th January, 1960

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands,
United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Docs. Nos. 3700.1, 3714.00/1, 3714.60/1 to 3 and W.P. 1460/1 - 4.

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to resume study of Item 1460. He recalled that delegates had undertaken to refer to their Governments the two recommendations, as set out in para. 1 of COCOM Doc. No. 3714.60/3, which were to accompany the proposed administrative exceptions Note to part (b) and which had been agreed by the French, United Kingdom and United States Delegations. Noting that there were no objections to this text, the Chairman invited the Committee to give views on the amendments proposed during the previous meeting to the text of the administrative exceptions Note itself.

2. As regards the phrase "(excluding military configurations)", the UNITED STATES Delegation withdrew the wording they had suggested ad referendum in para. 2 of COCOM Doc. No. 3714.60/3 and proposed, in view of the difficulty of finding a French equivalent for the word "configurations" and on the basis of an earlier French proposal, that this phrase be changed to read "(excluding those of military specification)". All Delegations agreed to this proposal.

3. Turning to the second amendment, i.e. a United Kingdom suggestion to add "or inferior to" after "equivalent", delegations agreed to retain the wording proposed by the United States Delegation. The latter Delegation stressed once again that they agreed with the intent behind the United Kingdom proposal and referred to their statement in para. 3 of COCOM Doc. No. 3714.60/3.

4. The third amendment concerned the substitution of the words "and which could be used thereon" for the words "and are useable thereon" as recorded in para. 4 of COCOM Doc. No. 3714.60/3. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegation, while still preferring to delete this wording altogether, were prepared to agree to it on the understanding that it would not be literally applied, since the aero-engines in question could be used on aircraft for which they had not been specifically designed. No other objections were raised in this connexion.

5. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegation referred to the condition they had already stipulated as regards corresponding changes in Item 10(a) on the Munitions List. They suggested that the words "with the exception of aero-engines excepted under International List Item 1460(b)" be inserted after the word "aircraft" in the last line of sub-item 10(a) on the Munitions List. No objections were raised to this suggestion.

6. The COMMITTEE noted that agreement had been reached on Item 1460.

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CONCLUSION: The COMMITTEE agreed to redefine Item 1460 as follows:

"1460. Aircraft, aero-engines and aircraft equipment, as follows:

- (a) Aircraft, n.e.s., except those not containing or incorporating any Munitions List items and which:
- (i) are of types and series which have been in normal civil use for more than two years or
 - (ii) being of types and series in normal civil use, are under 90,000 lbs. empty weight.

NOTES: 1. Empty weight is understood to include normal installation and normal minimum crew, but does not include fuel or payload.

2. The supply or installation of equipment covered by Items 1485 and 1501 in aircraft to be exported to the Sino-Soviet Bloc is prohibited unless it comes under the exceptions of Item 1485(d) and (e) and Item 1501(a) and (b)(2).

(b) Aero-engines, n.e.s.

NOTE: Governments may as administrative exceptions approve for use in civilian aircraft in the Bloc reasonable numbers of:

- (1) aero-engines of turbo-prop, turbo-shaft and turbo-jet types and series (excluding those of military specification) which are the standard engines of aircraft excepted from embargo under (a)(i) and (a)(ii) in this definition or are equivalent to the standard engines of such aircraft in basic characteristics, performance and technology and which could be used thereon. As used in this Note the term "standard engines" refers to the engine or engines which have been specified by the aircraft manufacturer for the aircraft and which have been normally or frequently used thereon. In order to assure that consistent up-to-date practice obtain under this Note, countries wishing to export engines equivalent to the "standard engines" as described in this Note, will collaborate in the progressive establishment, in an Interpretative Note, of a List of such engines. (See Interpretative Note No. 9 in List Annex B). Before authorising the export of any such "equivalent" engine not already on the List, Governments will submit to the Committee a full description of the "standard engine" involved and of the "equivalent" engine (or engines) with a justification as to why the Government considers it to be "equivalent".

- (2) piston type engines.

Recognising that there may be some need to embargo certain types of piston engines, Governments will consider sympathetically any proposals to embargo such specific piston type engines under this Note as further examination of the problem may warrant. Exports authorised by Governments under this procedure should be reported to the Committee in the monthly statistical returns.

- (c) Ground and airborne equipment (n.e.s.) developed solely or used mainly for aircraft, except ground or airborne equipments of types in normal civil use.

(See also Item 4460)".

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It further agreed to redefine Item 10(a) on the Munitions List as follows:

- "10(a) Combat aircraft and other aircraft specially designed for military purposes, including military reconnaissance, assault, military training and logistic support, and all aircraft having special structural features such as multiple hatches, special doors, ramps, reinforced floors and the like, for transporting and airdropping troops, military equipment and supplies; aero-engines specially designed or adapted for use with such aircraft with the exception of aero-engines excepted under Item 1460(b) on the International Lists; and component parts thereof;"

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